

Meadow Wood Farms Newsletter

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Holiday Wishes

Here's hoping that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and an opportunity to share some good times with friends and family during the holiday. Of course now the Christmas holidays are fast approaching and we shift into high gear as we make plans to celebrate, travel, or maybe just relax a little. However you and your family approach this time of year I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Newsletter News!

Well, as I told you in my last message we are shifting towards electronic distribution of the MWF Newsletter. And, while the Newsletter will be available to everyone with web access by simply visiting **MeadowWoodFarmsOcala.com** the Board understands that there are many out there who will prefer to receive the good ol' paper copy. That's why we are accepting subscriptions for the Newsletter for those who wish to receive it in the mail. Association members may subscribe without additional charge. Non-members of the Association may subscribe at the rate of \$10 per year.

Direct distribution to every MWF home will continue for the December 2010 and January 2011 issues. Beginning with the February 2011 issue, direct distribution to every home will be discontinued. Those who wish to have a paper copy mailed should use the mail-in subscription form below. The first mailing will be for the February 2011 issue. Remember, the electronic version is available free to everyone with internet access.

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Children's Party Coordinator Needed!

The Association is seeking an interested volunteer to coordinate Children's events in the Park, such as the Easter Party, Halloween, etc. The next Children's party will take place as planned on Saturday, December 11. However, unless someone steps up to plan and coordinate future Children's events, this could be the last one!!! Please contact Steve Waller at 304-8871 if you would like to discuss volunteering.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Needed!

Many of you will remember a couple of months back when Meadow Wood Farms seemed to be experiencing quite a number of break-ins. At that time there was discussion, and I thought a lot of interest in organizing a Neighborhood Watch program in cooperation with the Sheriff's Dept. Unfortunately, no one has stepped up to pull the program together. Do we need to wait until there are more incidents? I know that the Sheriff's Dept. is anxious to support any efforts MWF residents are willing to make. Please contact Steve Waller at 304-8871 to discuss.



Happy Holidays



Dancing Under the Stars

I wanted to take just a few moments to give a little report on a recent event sponsored by the Association. This year's annual Dancing Under the Stars was probably the best one yet! Despite the cool temperatures on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 6, a hot time was had by all. (It didn't hurt that we had several propane heaters generously provided by Sammie and Carl Candullo!) The food was marvelous and the band, Side Street (AKA The Sugarbear Band) was fantastic. They had everyone dancing practically the entire night. The "show," put on by the MWF Divas about half way through the night was something to behold. The crew was delivered in a vintage Police Cruiser with lights flashing and siren blaring. The choreography was flawless, and of course the crowd went wild. Thanks to Linda and John Trinckes and everyone else who worked so hard in putting this great event together. Not only was it a lot of fun and a chance to spend some time with friends and neighbors, the event earned about \$300 for the Association. Hard to beat! Check it out next year. I promise that you won't regret it!

Steve Waller, President

MWFPOA

Over the Fence

Shoes! -

I just got back from the bicycle shop where I bought a new pair of cycling shoes. My old pair certainly didn't owe me anything. They were over 25 years old. At one point in their long life, I had to glue the soles back on them with epoxy. I don't remember what I paid for them, but I know I got my money's worth.

I just can't get over what we spend on shoes around this house — and my wife isn't even a shoe nut like her sister! We have dress shoes, loafers and flip flops, running shoes, cross training shoes and paddock boots, riding boots, work boots and cowboy boots, boat shoes, high heels, low heels, flats, open toe, closed toe, and, of course, the aforementioned bicycle shoes. The horses even have shoes. Some are barefoot, some shod all around, and some with only front wheel drive. I guess I'm just glad we don't have shoes for the dogs and the cat.

I remember when I was a kid, we had two pairs of shoes, one for dress and one for play. Our "gym" shoes were really all purpose athletic shoes that we wore to play basketball, football, or tennis, or just run around the neighborhood. And when those wore out, I typically got a pair of shoes my older brother had just grown out of, until I either wore those out or grew out of them myself. Oh yeah, and we went barefoot a lot, too. Today, I can't even keep track of my shoes.

Do we really need all of this specialization? In the case of cowboy boots, running shoes, and bicycle shoes, I suppose we do. Each and every shoe in our closet seems to have a specific design to fit a specific purpose.

Gee, it kind of reminds me of our bucolic neighborhood. When we moved to Florida, some of my life long Midwestern friends warned me that I might never get used to the "critters." Between the armadillos, palmetto bugs (they look like roaches to me), flies, lizards, banana spiders, scorpions, and snakes, I can understand the warning. But you know, just like our shoes, they all seem to have a specific design to fit a specific purpose. The spiders eat the flies, the lizards eat the spiders, and the snakes eat the lizards and the mice. I guess after four years, I can finally count myself as a true Floridian. I've come to appreciate, or at least tolerate, each of those critters. I just don't want them in my closet. Besides, with all of the shoes, there isn't room for them.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Bain – Feel free to e-mail me with questions, comments or ideas for stories at: jbain2@cfl.rr.com

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Executive Board Meeting

December 14, 2010

Next Association Meeting

January 13, 2011

All meetings are held at St. John's Methodist Church ~ County Road 328 ~ 7:00 PM

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS TO BENEFIT MWFPOA TREASURY

Bring all of your aluminum cans to our recycle point at the front entrance to the Park on Lake View Drive East. Barrels are provided for that purpose.

Cans that are rinsed, tab top removed and crushed are our favorites.

Tab tops may go to any charity you know or bring them to meetings for Shands Juvenile Kidney Foundation.

ALUMINUM CANS ONLY PLEASE!

Baked goods brought to Association meetings will be greatly appreciated. If you can bring something, please let BK Sawyer know by calling her at: 861-8883 or by email at: JSawyer27@cfl.rr.com.

A big thank you to those who have contributed.

SUNSHINE REPORT



Get well wishes were sent to Shirley Carter, 54 Never Bend Drive.

Marie Singer

Pet Registry & Rescue

If you have FOUND or LOST a pet, you can contact Sandy Mollberg at the number shown below. This service is not part of the Association, but rather is a personal service provided free to the residents of Meadow Wood Farms.

Sandy does not take any pets in as a rescue, nor does she place pets in homes for people. If you wish, you can register your pet with her so that she will have them on file if she gets a call for a lost pet. You can do this by giving her a call at 861-9622.



Check out Ocala Flight Sim Club. We're a small informal organization of Microsoft Flight Simulator enthusiasts. Our Club has no dues or membership fees.

We are happy to help those just getting started and are equally pleased to have experts. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome. Computer or piloting skills are NOT prerequisites.

We meet at 6:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at Landmark Aviation at the Ocala Airport. It's on 60th Ave.; in the same building with the Tailwinds Café. Ask at the desk for directions to the conference room.

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The December Family Food/Gift Drive will be Saturday December 18th morning.

Please leave your non perishable food items or gift donation either outside at your mailbox between 8AM – 11AM OR bring it to 15 Lake View Drive West any time prior to Monday, December 20th. Remember these families now have children home for two weeks of winter break and need to be able to feed them as well during this time when there is no free school breakfast or lunch option.

Volunteers to pick up are also needed for this morning – please contact me if you can assist.

for \$5.00.

If you are planning on donating a wrapped gift for any of these families, PLEASE indicate exactly which family member and family number the gift belongs to per the information below to ensure the proper child receives the item.

Below is the list of children per family with their specific wants or interests listed first and their clothing/shoe information last, as provided by the Romeo Elementary guidance department.

Family # 18 – single mom, 5 year old girl – Dolls, Size 5 clothes & 11 shoes; 3 ½ year old boy – Puzzles – Size 4 clothes & 10 shoes

Family #26 – single mom, 5 year old boy, Thomas the Train – Size 6/7 clothes & 2 shoe; 4 year old girl, Tinkerbelle – Size 6 clothes & 1 shoe; 1 year old boy – size 18-24 month.

Family # 17 – 2 adults, 8 year old boy, toys and games, socks; 17 year old boy, gift card, socks

Family #22 – 2 adults, 5 year old girl, school supplies, coloring books, pillow pet, Hanna Montana, etc., Size 7 clothes & 2 shoe; 6 year old boy, Spiderman, Batman, books, games, toys, Size 8 clothes & 3 shoe; 10 year old boy, Yugioh cards, Harry Potter, remote control car, books, Size 10/12 clothes & 4 shoe; 15 year old girl, movies, CD's, scrapbooking supplies, makeup, jewelry, etc., Size 14 Jr.& 9 shoe; 17 year old boy, School supplies, Size 29/32 pants, Large shirt & 13 WIDE shoe.

Thanking you all in advance for your participation in this event. No matter how you choose to participate, you are assisting a family in need. They are truly grateful for our continued assistance each year.



Meadow Wood Equine Club Inc. (not affiliated with MWFPOA) is a social group of horse oriented people. Guests/Visitors are welcome.

Membership is open to anyone – you do not have to live in Meadow Wood Farms or own a horse to join. Membership is \$5.00 a year.

Members receive a 10% discount off "most in store items" at Seminole, Tack Shack and J & J Tack. Must show your membership card. Some restrictions apply – some items are Not Discounted such as feed, hay, shaving, and warehouse items, ask store for their details.

Annual Christmas Party Tuesday 12/14/10, 7:00 PM at Stan & Kathy Rohlwing's house, 1891 NW 150th Ave. Please bring a dish to pass. We will also have our holiday gift exchange. If you would like to participate please bring a "horse lover gift" in a price ranging between \$10.00 - \$15.00.

For more information, please call:

Secretary-Treasurer, Kathy Rohlwing at 861-7405, or Vice-President, Carol Shockey at 873-4719, or President, Leroy Conro at 873-2153.

"Until one feels the spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas. All else is outward display-so much tinsel and decorations. For it isn't the holly, it isn't the snow. It isn't the tree not the firelight's glow. It's the warmth that comes to the hearts of men when the Christmas spirit returns again."

-- Anonymous

"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."

-- Oren Arnold

"There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child."

-- Erma Bombeck



The lights were flashing and siren was sounding as the Police Car transporting the Divas arrived. The party goers were thinking – Oh no, the music is too loud and complaints have been lodged!



The Divas as the Blues Brothers

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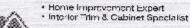
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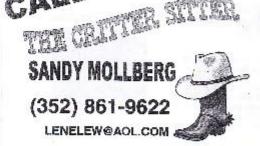
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